

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An article storage apparatus for a truck having side walls extending from a truck bed, the apparatus comprising:

a storage compartment means, mountable to at least one of side walls and over a truck bed, the storage compartment having a first side edge disposed adjacent one sidewall of the truck bed and an opposed second side edge disposed laterally inward of the first side edge;

means, coupled to the storage compartment means and the truck bed, for moving the storage compartment means between a first storage position with respect to the truck bed and a selectable second position elevated from the first position, wherein, in the second position, the second side edge of the storage compartment is disposed above a plane extending between the tops of the sidewalls of the truck bed to allow easy access to an interior of the storage compartment means[.];
and

a cover coupled to and movable with the storage compartment, the cover movably closing an open portion of the storage compartment.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the moving means further comprising comprises:

pivot means for pivotally mounting the storage compartment means to a truck and to the moving means.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the storage compartment means comprises:

a frame; and

at least one storage compartment.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 3 further comprising:~~ An article storage apparatus for a truck having side walls extending from a truck bed, the apparatus comprising:

storage compartment means, mountable over a truck bed; and
means, coupled to the storage compartment means, for moving the
storage compartment means between a first storage position with respect to the truck
bed and a selectable second position elevated from the first position to allow easy
access to an interior of the storage compartment means;

the storage compartment means including:

a frame;

at least one storage compartment; and

movement assist means, coupled to the frame, for assisting movement
of the frame between the first and second position.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the movement assist means comprises:

at least one pressurized gas cylinder coupled to the frame.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the moving means comprises:~~ An article storage apparatus for a truck having side walls extending from a truck bed, the apparatus comprising:

storage compartment means, mountable over a truck bed; and
means, coupled to the storage compartment means, for moving the
storage compartment means between a first storage position with respect to the truck
bed and a selectable second position elevated from the first position to allow easy
access to an interior of the storage compartment means;

the moving means including:

a rack stationarily positioned with respect to the storage compartment means, the rack including an extensible member coupled to the storage compartment means;

a driven gear coupled to the rack; and

an electric motor coupled to the driven gear for bi-directionally moving the extensible member of the rack.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the moving means comprises:~~ An article storage apparatus for a truck having side walls extending from a truck bed, the apparatus comprising:

storage compartment means, mountable over a truck bed; and

means, coupled to the storage compartment means, for moving the storage compartment means between a first storage position with respect to the truck bed and a selectable second position elevated from the first position to allow easy access to an interior of the storage compartment means, the moving means including:

a rack coupled to the storage compartment means, the rack having an extensible member; and

a manually operated crank for bi-directionally moving the rack.

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein:
the second position is one of a variably selectable plurality of discrete second positions.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the moving means comprises:

a receiver coupled to a pivotal frame supporting the storage compartment; and

a ~~left~~ lift bar removably insertable in the receiver for manually pivoting the frame.

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the storage compartment ~~means~~ comprises:

a rigid, fixed shape storage compartment.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the storage compartment means comprises:~~

~~a collapsible storage compartment.~~

An article storage apparatus for a truck having side walls extending from a truck bed, the apparatus comprising:

storage compartment means, mountable over a truck bed, the storage compartment means including a collapsible storage compartment; and

means, coupled to the storage compartment means, for moving the storage compartment means between a first storage position with respect to the truck bed and a selectable second position elevated from the first position to allow easy access to an interior of the storage compartment means.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the storage compartment comprises:

a plurality of inter-engagable panels.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein:
the panels are nestable in a frame, the frame supporting the storage compartment.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein:
certain ones of the panels are hinged to the frame.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the storage compartment means comprises:~~ An article storage apparatus for a truck having side walls extending from a truck bed, the apparatus comprising:
storage compartment means, mountable over a truck bed; and
means, coupled to the storage compartment means, for moving the storage compartment means between a first storage position with respect to the truck bed and a selectable second position elevated from the first position to allow easy access to an interior of the storage compartment means, the storage compartment means including:
a frame having at least one open section; and
a removable storage container mountable in the at least one open section.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15 further comprising:
mounts carried on at least one of the frame and the storage container for releasably supporting at least one storage container in the at least one section of the frame.

17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the storage compartment ~~means~~ further comprises:
a storage compartment having at least a bottom wall, at least one side wall, and an open top end formed by the at least one side wall; and
divider means, positionable within the storage compartment, for dividing the interior of the storage compartment into at least two separate sections.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 17 wherein:~~ An article storage apparatus for a truck having side walls extending from a truck bed, the apparatus comprising:
storage compartment means, mountable over a truck bed; and

means, coupled to the storage compartment means, for moving the storage compartment means between a first storage position with respect to the truck bed and a selectable second position elevated from the first position wherein in the second position the second side edge of the storage compartment is disposed above a plane extending between the tops of the sidewalls of the truck bed to allow easy access to an interior of the storage compartment means, the storage compartment means further including:

a storage compartment having at least a bottom wall, at least one side wall, and an open top end formed by the at least one side wall; and divider means, positionable within the storage compartment, for dividing the interior of the storage compartment into at least two separate sections, the divider means are being pivotally carried by at least one of the bottom wall and the at least one side wall of the storage compartment.

19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the cover comprises further comprising:

a tonneau pivotally connected to the storage compartment means and moveable from a first position overlaying the storage compartment means and a second position spaced from and opening the interior of the storage compartment means to access.

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 19 further comprising:

article carrier means carried exteriorly on the tonneau cover.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the article carrier means comprises:~~ An article storage apparatus for a truck having side walls extending from a truck bed, the apparatus comprising:

storage compartment means, mountable over a truck bed;

means, coupled to the storage compartment means, for moving the storage compartment means between a first storage position with respect to the truck bed and a selectable second position elevated from the first position to allow easy access to an interior of the storage compartment means;

a tonneau pivotally connected to the storage compartment means and moveable from a first position overlaying the storage compartment means and a second position spaced from and opening the interior of the storage compartment means to access; and

article carrier means carried on the tonneau, the article carrier means including an open-ended channel integrated with the tonneau.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21 further comprising:
tie-down means, carried on the tonneau, for releasably securing an article in the article carrier means.

23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 19 further comprising:
movement assist means coupled between the tonneau and the storage compartment means, for assisting movement of the tonneau between the first and second positions.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the storage compartment means comprises:

a pair of separate storage compartment compartments means, each moveably mountable ~~above~~ to the truck bed.

25. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
the storage compartment means including a frame;

at least one article compartment supported by the frame; and
a tonneau cover pivotally connected to the storage compartment ~~means~~
and moveable from a first position overlaying the storage compartment ~~means~~ and a
second position spaced from and opening the storage compartment ~~means~~ to access.

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further
comprising:
the storage compartment ~~means~~ including a frame and a storage
compartment;
the moving means including a rack stationarily positioned with respect
to the storage compartment ~~means~~ and including an extensible member;
a driven gear engaged with the rack; and
an electric motor driving by coupled to the driven gear for bi-
directionally moving the extensible member of the rack.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 ~~further~~
~~comprising~~ wherein the storage compartment includes:
a frame; and
a storage compartment;
the moving means includes:
a movable rack coupled to the storage compartment ~~means~~; and
a manually operated crank coupled to the rack for bi-
directionally moving the rack.

28. (Currently Amended) A tonneau cover for a truck having side
walls extending from a bed, the tonneau cover comprising:
at least one panel pivotally disposed with respect to a truck bed and side
wall of a truck for movement between a first position covering at least a portion of

the truck bed and a second position angularly disposed from the truck bed to open at least a portion of the truck bed; and

article carrier means carried exteriorly on the tonneau cover.

29. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 28~~ A tonneau cover for a truck having side walls extending from a bed, the tonneau cover comprising:

at least one panel pivotally disposed with respect to a truck bed and side wall of a truck for movement between a first position covering at least a portion of the truck bed and a second position angularly disposed from the truck bed to open at least a portion of the truck bed; and

article carrier means carried on the tonneau cover, wherein the article carrier means ~~comprises:~~ including a channel extending out of a plane of the panel.

30. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 28 wherein~~ A tonneau cover for a truck having side walls extending from a bed, the tonneau cover comprising:

at least one panel pivotally disposed with respect to a truck bed and side wall of a truck for movement between a first position covering at least a portion of the truck bed and a second position angularly disposed from the truck bed to open at least a portion of the truck bed; and

article carrier means carried on the tonneau cover, the article carrier means ~~comprises:~~ including a channel extending ~~out of~~ below a plane of the panel.

31. (Original) The apparatus of claim 28 wherein the article carrier means comprises:

an open-ended channel integrated with the panel.

32. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 28 further comprising:~~ A tonneau cover for a truck having side walls extending from a bed, the tonneau cover comprising:

at least one panel pivotally disposed with respect to a truck bed and side wall of a truck for movement between a first position covering at least a portion of the truck bed and a second position angularly disposed from the truck bed to open at least a portion of the truck bed;

article carrier means carried on the tonneau cover; and

tie-down means, carried on the panel, for releasably securing ~~the~~ an article in an article carrier means.

33. (Original) The tonneau cover of claim 28 wherein the at least one panel comprises:

a pair of panels each individually pivotally mountable with respect to the truck bed.